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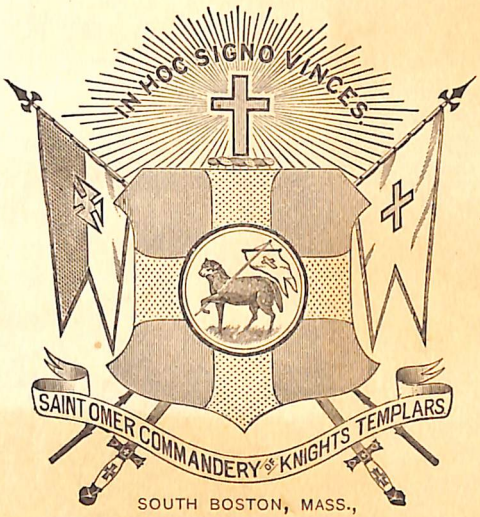

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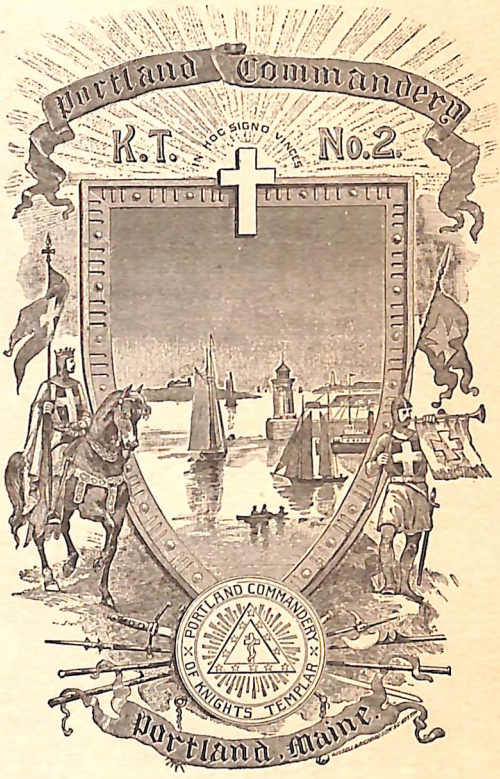

Em. Sir CLAYTON J. FARRINGTON, Commander.

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ST. JOHN'S DAY.

MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1889.

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS CELEBRATE.

Portland Commandery No. 2, of Portland, Me.,

Entertained by the St. Omer Commandery of South Boston.

Together They Journey to Plymouth.

Complimentary Banquet in the Evening at the Parker House, Boston.

Peculiarly pleasant and appropriate was the plan of the celebration of Saint John's Day adopted by St. Omer Commandery of Knights Templars of South Boston, for, in accordance with the well known fraternal spirit which forms the basis of the order, they embraced the opportunity which the day afforded to reciprocate the many

courtesies which have been extended to them in times past by Portland Commandery No. 2 of Portland, Me., particularly the royal reception and entertainment given the Sir Knights of Saint Omer when they passed through Portland in August, 1885, en route to St. John, New Brunswick, to become the guests of the Encampment of St. John of that city. On Saint John's Day the Sir Knights of St. Omer Commandery showed their appreciation of these courtesies by making Portland Commandery their guests for the day. The courtesies extended included the morning reception of the visiting fraters, a pilgrimage to and lunch at Plymouth, and a grand banquet at the Parker House, Boston, in the evening.

Reception of Portland Commandery.

The Sir Knights of St. Omer Commandery, Em. Sir Albert H. White, Commander, assembled in their asylum at Masonic Hall, South Boston, at 8 o'clock and were conveyed in horse cars to the Boston and Maine depot in Haymarket square. There they received the Portland Commandery, Em. Sir Clayton J. Farrington, Commander, who came from Portland on a special train, over the Western Division of the Boston and Maine Railroad, leaving Portland at 7 o'clock, arriving in Boston at 10 A. M. An appetizing breakfast was served en route. The conductor of the "special" was Sir John J. Thompson of Cœur de Leon Commandery of Charlestown, while the hand that grasped the throttle was that of Sir Richard Bucknam of Bethany Commandery of Lawrence.

As soon as Portland Commandery had been formally received and the customary knightly courtesies exchanged, the line of march was taken up via Washington, Summer and South streets to the Old Colony depot, where a special train was taken for Plymouth. The column moved in the following order: Squad of police; the Salem Cadet Band, 25 pieces, Jean M. Missud leader; St. Omer Commandery, 96 Sir Knights, Em. Sir Albert H. White, commander; Chandler's Band of Portland, 25 pieces, F. L. Collins leader; Portland Commandery No. 2, Em. Sir Clayton J. Farrington commander, 96 Sir Knights.

In the absence of the Captain General, Sir David L. Hodges, who was unfortunately prevented from attending by sickness, Em. Sir Charles E. Pierce, Past Commander, was appointed as the Executive Officer in command of the lines of St. Omer Commandery, with Sir Wm. S. Brown as Adjutant. Sir Charles I. Riggs, Captain General, was the Executive Officer in command of the lines of Portland Commandery.

Roster of St. Omer Commandery.

The following was the roster of St. Omer Commandery of South Boston present accompanying the party: Eminent Commander, Sir Albert H. White; Generalissimo, Sir Wm. H. Lothrop; Acting Captain General, Sir Frederick L. Felton; Prelate, Sir Charles J. Miller; Senior Warden, Sir James Hill; Junior Warden, Sir Wm. H. Puffer; Acting Treasurer, Sir Fletcher K. Tirrell; Recorder, Sir Wm. Morris; Standard Bearer, Sir Walter S. Sampson; Sword Bearer, Sir John Tillson; Warder, Sir T. Frank Christian; Guards, Sirs Seneca Sanford, James A. Cook, John C. Latto, David O. Felt, H. Nelson Crane and William S. Brown; Surgeons, Sirs Charles F. Osman and Robert Provan; Quartermaster, Sir William Penn, and Sir Samuel P. Willis. On the suite of Eminent Commander Sir Albert H. White were the following, constituting the honorary staff: Right Eminent Sir Edward L. Freeman, Grand Commander; Very Eminent Sir James Swords, Deputy Grand Commander; Eminent Sir William H. H. Soule, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; also

Eminent Sirs George W. Kingman, Charles J. Noyes, Charles E. Pierce and Theodore L. Kelly, Past Commanders of St. Omer Commandery; and Sir Charles W. Sawyer, Generalissimo of Cœur de Lion Commandery; Sir Charles I. Litchfield, Senior Warden of Boston Commandery; Sir E. Frank Page, of Bethany Commandery of Lawrence; Sir R. F. Irish of Wm. Parkman Commandery; Sir A. J. Dickey of Trinity Commandery of Manchester, N. H. At Plymouth Sirs William S. Danforth, Charles C. Doten, John W. Churchill, Alonzo Warren and Charles W. Howland joined the suite.

There were also Sirs George W. Adams, George H. Alexander, Arthur F. Barney, Francis J. Baxter, William Bickley, John Q. Bird, Henry C. Bispham, William H. Boardman, Richard Bradford, Reuben P. Collins, George A. Crawford, John J. Crawford, Albert Edgcomb, Andrew Eppler, Jr., Samuel S. Frizzell, Joseph R. Grose, Horace N. Hatch, Alonzo G. Ham, Edward F. Harrington, William F. Holbrook. J. Fred Holt, Charles H. Horton, Edward F. Howard, Marcus M. Hutchinson, Paul W. Jackson, Elisha F. James, Edward C. Jones, Charles H. Kimball, Henry S. Kolseth, Frank A. Kidney, Charles B. L. Lichtenstein, William H. Mason, M. B. Mann, Charles W. McLellan, Robert W. McNinch, Alexander Q. Miller, Charles Miller, J. M. E. Morrill, James B. Neal, Josiah Noyes, Edward J. Olsen, John T. Osborn, Albert C. Paige, Milton C. Paige, Lorenzo C. Paul, Charles H. Porter, Geo. Fred Pierce, Charles S. Prescott, Isaac H. Robbins, Charles Rolfe, Thomas Raynor, Leopold Schlegelmilch. Thomas G. Snow, Lyman S. Stevens, J. Edwin Swan, William Tyner, James H. Wade, Russell A. Warren, Mark A. Waterhouse, William B. Wilber, George S. Worcester, William A. Woodward, James G. Young, Jr.

The following members joined the Commandery on its return to Boston, and assisted as hosts at the banquet in the evening, viz.: Em. Sir John Hillis, and Sirs Stillman B. Allen, Frederick E. Atteaux, Titus M. Axe, Botsford R. Clarke, Randolph K. Clarke, Albert F. Conley, Manning C. Davy, Edward De la Granja, Charles H. Haines, Martin L. Ham, Charles F. Kelly, Dudley Pray, Otis A. Ruggles, Howard G. Salisbury, Lewis F. Stone, Robert H. Upham, Joseph T. Waterhouse, Amos T. White.

Roster of Portland Commandery.

The following was the complete roster of Portland Commandery No. 2 as present on the trip: Eminent Commander, Sir Clayton J. Farrington; Generalissimo, Sir George E. Raymond; Captain General, Sir Charles I. Riggs; Prelate, Eminent Sir Leander W. Fobes; Senior Warden, Sir William S. Corey; Junior Warden, Sir George E. Whitney; Acting Treasurer, Sir Nathan Cleaves; Recorder, Sir John S. Russell; Standard Bearer, Sir George W. Leighton; Sword Bearer, Sir George D. Loring; Warder, Sir Frank A. Pendexter; Guards, Sirs Augustus F. Moulton, Edwin F. Vose, George C. Ricker, Harry R. Virgin and Mervin W. Clark; Sentinel and Armorer, Sir Warren O. Carney. On the suite of Eminent Commander Sir Clayton J. Farrington were the following, constituting the honorary staff of the Portland Commandery: Right Eminent Sir Joseph A. Locke, Grand Commander; Eminent Sir Arlington B. Marston, Grand Generalissimo; Eminent Sir Thomas P. Shaw, Grand Senior Warden; Right Eminent Sir Seth C. Gordon, Past Grand Commander, and Sir and Rev. William E. Gibbs, Past Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Maine; also Eminent Sirs Orrin S. Fogg, Frank G. Stevens, Leander W. Fobes and John E. Sawyer, Past Commanders of Portland Commandery, and Sirs Charles W. Allen, Charles A. Bailey, George L. Beal, Samuel F. Bearce, Sylvanus Bourne, Solon

S. Cahill, Samuel Clark, Jr., Eben Corey, Albert J. Curtis, Fred O. Conant, Adoniram J. Dearborn, Walter G. Davis, William N. Davis, Charles R. Denning, Kimball Eastman, John Evans, Alexander Findley, Lewis A. Goudy, Melvin Hamblet, Charles L. Hathaway, Frank M. Higgins, Aurelius S. Hinds, Edward B. James. Arthur W. Jordan, Alfred S. Kimball, Charles F. King, Ambrose H. Knight, William S. Kyle, Miles T. Libby, George B. Loring, J. Frank Lang, Silas H. McAlpine, James Miller, William S. Philbrook, Freeman Pratt, Marshall N. Rich, Frank W. Robinson, Edward B. Robinson, Abel H. Sawyer, Andrew S. Sawyer, John T. Sawyer, Lorenzo L. Shaw, Augustine D. Smith, Geo. Smith, Frank W. Stockman, Edward C. Swett, George L. Swett, Llewelyn P. Senter, George E. Thompson, Frank S. Waterhouse, Edward D. Wharff, Charles G. Woodman, Franklin C. Webb, Fred H. Woodman, Geo. H. York. In the ranks of Portland Commandery were Sirs Martin A. Dillingham, Senior Warden, Daniel W. Babb, Ira F. Clark, Benj. F. Freethy, Richard Harding, Frank W. Jewett, Andrew J. Rich, Frank D. Rogers, Eben E. Rand, Charles E. Snow, Benjamin C. Stone and Maurice West, of St. Alban Commandery of Portland, Sir F. C. Whitehouse of Dunlap Commandery of Bath, Me., Sir Fred W. Noyes of North Star Commandery of Lancaster, N. H., and J. N. Dearborn of Olivet Commandery of Lynn.

Souvenir Badges.

Saint Omer Commandery presented to the Sir Knights of Portland Commandery, and also wore themselves, a neat and tasty white satin ribbon badge, upon which was transferred in black from a steel engraving a fac simile of the banner of St. Omer Commandery. On the badge above the banner were the words: "*Saint Omer Commandery, K. T.,*" and below it, "*South Boston, Mass., extends knightly greeting to Portland Commandery No. 2, K. T., Portland, Me. Boston and Plymouth, Saint John's Day, June 24, 1889.*" An etching of the seal of Portland Commandery formed a background for the name of that body. The design and engraving were both skillfully executed by the Forbes Lithograph Company.

Portland Commandery surprised the Sir Knights of St. Omer by decorating their breasts with a gold metal badge, the same as worn by its Sir Knights. The badge was in the form of a Templar Cross, one and one-half inches square. In the centre was the monogram of Portland Commandery, surrounded by the mottoes: "*Magna est Veritas, et Prevalibet,*" and "*In Hoc Signo Vinces,*" and flanked by beauseants and crossed swords. The cross was suspended from a metal bar-pin on which was "Portland, No. 2," by a black satin ribbon, bearing in letters of gold the words: "*St. Omer. June* 24, 1889," They both made fitting and valued mementoes of what proved a very happy occasion. The Portland badge was made by Messrs. H. M. Richards & Co.

Sleeve Devices.

The officers of Saint Omer Commandery, subordinate to the Captain General, wore the handsome and appropriate sleeve devices designating their respective rank which were adopted at the semi-annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island a month since. These insignias are in the form of a shield, made on black cloth, one and three-eighths inches wide at the top and one and five-eighths inches long, including a border embroidered in silver, one-eighth of an inch wide—the emblem of office embroidered in silver in the centre. Being the first time they had been used since their adoption, they were naturally the subject of many comments, which were, however, all favorable.

Visit to Plymouth.

On arriving at the Old Colony depot the commanderies embarked on board a special train, which left Boston at 10.57 under charge of Sir George R. Freeman, of Bay State Commandery, as conductor, and arrived in Plymouth at 12.05. Here they were met and welcomed by a committee of local Sir Knights, consisting of Sir Wm. S. Danforth, Secretary of the Pilgrim Society, and Sirs Chas. I. Litchfield, Chas. C. Doten, Alonzo Warren and John W. Churchill of Plymouth, and Sir Chas. W. Howland of Rockland. The Knights formed at Old Colony Park and marched to the National Monument to the Forefathers, where the procession halted. Sir Knight Danforth of Plymouth delivered a short address concerning the landing of the Pilgrims, the building of the monument and the objects of the Pilgrim Society. The Salem Cadet Band played "America," three rousing cheers were given, and the march was resumed to Plymouth Rock, where Sir Knight Danforth gave information concerning the history of the famous boulder, and the Sir Knights were successfully photographed by Sir Charles H. Rogers of Old Colony Commandery.

Lunch.

From Plymouth Rock the visitors marched to Masonic Hall, which had been fraternally tendered to the Sir Knights for their use by Wor. Bro. Thos. S. Diman and the brethren of Plymouth Lodge F. and A. M. Here regalias were laid aside, and after a brief interval devoted to rest and refreshment the party proceeded to Odd Fellows' Hall, where Bro. D. H. Maynard of the Samoset House served a sumptuous lunch, and in an unexceptionable manner, the following being the

NATIONAL MONUMENT TO THE FOREFATHERS.

MENU.

Boiled Penobscot Salmon with Green Peas.
Plain Lobster. Dressed Lettuce.
Boiled Chicken. Boiled Sugar Cured Ham.
Smoked Beef Tongue.

ROAST.

Sirloin of Beef. Spring Lamb.

ENTREES.

Lobster Salad.
Banana Fritters, Claret Sauce.

VEGETABLES.

Mashed Potatoes. Green Peas.

RELISHES.

Mixed Pickles. Pickled Onions.
Lee & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce.

DESSERT.

Vanilla Cream. Strawberry Cream.
Chocolate Cream. Biscuit Glacé.
Frozen Pudding. Assorted Cake.

FRUIT.

Oranges. Bananas. Pine Apples.
Strawberries and Cream.
Tea. Coffee.

Sight-Seeing and Recreation.

During the afternoon the Sir Knights visited Pilgrim Hall by personal invitation of Sir William S. Danforth, Secretary of the Pilgrim Society, Cole's Hill, the Court House, the Old Burying Ground and other points of historic interest. They also enjoyed themselves in riding about town in barouches and private carriages and in testing the new electric street railway, and expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the attentions shown them, and as having had a most enjoyable visit. Many of the residences were handsomely decorated, and the old town presented a gala day appearance. From the flag-staff in the square floated the large headquarters beauseant of the St. Omer Commandery, twelve feet by thirty, and which later

PLYMOUTH ROCK.

was thrown to the breeze from the top of the Parker House in Boston, where it remained until the Portland Fraters returned home Tuesday afternoon. From 3.30 to 4.30 the Salem Cadet Band gave a concert on the lawn in front of the Samoset House, which was largely attended.

The Old Colony Memorial Says:

"A large crowd of townspeople attended the concert, and national flags were displayed at many points, our citizens showing considerable interest in the occasion. The Commanderies made a very handsome show on the march with their rich regalias and peculiar alignments, and the splendid music of the bands was a great treat to our townsfolk. The day was an extremely fine one, a haze and gentle easterly breeze tempering the sun's rays, and the streets over most of the route having been watered through the thoughtful courtesy of the Selectmen, the march was accordingly a very comfortable one."

Banquet at the Parker House.

At 5 o'clock the special train was boarded for home. The commanderies reached Boston on the return trip at 5.55 P. M., and marched directly to the Parker House, via South, Beach, Washington and School streets, where, at 7.30, the visiting Knights were tendered a grand banquet.

At the banquet, which was the crowning event of the day, Eminent Sir Albert H. White, Commander of St. Omer Commandery, occupied the centre seat at the head table. On his right sat Eminent Sir Clayton J. Farrington, Commander of the Portland Commandery and Right Eminent Sir Joseph A. Locke, Grand Commander. Eminent Sir Arlington B. Marston, Grand Generalissimo, Right Eminent Sir Seth C. Gordon, Past Grand Commander, and Eminent Sir Thomas P. Shaw, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Maine; Eminent Sir Charles E. Pierce, Past Commander of St. Omer Commandery; Sir George E. Whitney, Junior Warden of Portland Commandery; Em. Sir Leander W. Fobes, Past Commander of Portland Commandery; Sir William S. Danforth, of Old Colony Commandery, Secretary of the Pilgrim Society; Sir Charles I. Litchfield, Senior Warden of Boston Commandery; Eminent Sir William T. Rowe, Commander, and Sir Charles W. Sawyer, Generalissimo of Cœur de Lion Commandery, and Sir E. Frank Page, of Bethany Commandery of Lawrence.

On his left sat Eminent Sir Charles J. Noyes, Past Commander of St. Omer Commandery, and Rt. Eminent Sir Edward L. Freeman, Grand Commander; Very Eminent Sir James Swords, Deputy Grand Commander; Eminent Sir and Rev. John W. Dadmun, Grand Prelate, and Eminent Sir W. H. H. Soule, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Sir George E. Raymond, Generalissimo of Portland Commandery; Sir William H. Lothrop, Generalissimo of St. Omer Commandery; Sir Charles I. Riggs, Captain General of Portland Commandery; Sir Frederick L. Felton, Acting Captain General of St. Omer Commandery; Eminent Sir Frank G. Stevens, Past Commander of Portland Commandery; Sir Edward C. Swett, of Portland Commandery; Sir and Rev. William E. Gibbs, of Portland Commandery, Past Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Maine; Sir John S. Russell, Recorder of Portland Commandery; Sir Charles J. Miller, Prelate; Sir Stillman B. Allen, Eminent Sir John Hillis and Sir Edward De la Granja, of St. Omer Commandery; Sir and Judge Nathan Cleaves, of Portland Commandery; Sir Franklin O. Higgins, of Portland Commandery.

Near by were seated the remaining valiant Knights who had participated in the proceedings of the day, while there were present in all

about 260. At the rear of the guests' table were displayed the beauseants bearing the red Templar Cross of the Order, also the markers of the two commanderies. The tables were tastefully decorated with banks of choice flowers, artistically arranged by and the gifts of Sir Otis A. Ruggles of St. Omer Commandery, presenting an exceedingly attractive appearance. After grace had been said by Eminent Sir Rev. John W. Dadmun, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, attention was paid to the elaborate menu, a handsome souvenir copy of which lay beside each plate.

The banquet was a marvel of epicurean skill, and was both prepared and served in that excellent manner for which this world-renowned hostelry is so justly famous. Messrs. Punchard, Mann & Co. saw that nothing was left undone for the entertainment, comfort and convenience of their guests, and gave abundant evidence that under their efficient management the Parker House is destined to maintain its high rank.

The Menu.

The menu was oblong in shape, seven and a half inches by five, with covers of white torchon card board. On the embossed centre of the front and back respectively were displayed the coat of arms of Saint Omer Commandery and a view of the Parker House. On the title page was a fac simile, reduced in size, of the handsome engraving used by Portland Commandery on its notices of conclaves, surrounded by the following: "*Saint John's Day. Banquet complimentary to Portland Commandery No. 2, K. T., tendered by Saint Omer Commandery of South Boston, Mass., at the Parker House, Monday, June* 24, 1889." Then came two pages on which was printed the following well-selected variety of choice dishes and concomitants to be served:

MENU.

"Sir Knights, We have a Slight Collation Spread, etc."

Little Neck Clams.

"Why then the world's mine oyster."

SOUP.

Haut Sauterne.

Green Turtle. Consommé, à la Royal.

FISH.

Boiled Penobscot Salmon, Holdandaise Sauce.
Soft Shell Crabs. Tartar Sauce.
Cucumbers. Tomatoes.

"That's a marvellous searching wine, and it perfumes the blood ere we can say—What's this? How do you now?"

REMOVES. *Berton Sec.*
Dry Schreider.

Filet of Beef, à la Trianon.
Spring Chicken Saute, à la Marengo.
Green Peas. Potato Croquettes. Asparagus.

ENTREES.

Spring Lamb Chops, à l'Espagnole.
Vol au Vent Sweetbreads, à la Reine.
Apricot Fritters, au Kirsch.
Lobster Salad.

"I pray you jest, sir, as you sit at dinner."

RELEVE.

Champagne Ices.

GAME. *Pontèt Canet Claret.*

Upland Plover. French Salad.
Julienne Potatoes.

SWEETS.

Charlotte Russe. Fruit Jelly. Frozen Pudding.

Roquefort and Swiss Cheese. Olives.

DESSERT.

"When we have supp'd we'll mannerly demand of thee thy story, so far as thou wilt speak it."

Oranges. Apricots. Bananas. Cherries.
Strawberries and Cream. Dry Fruit.
Neapolitain Ice Cream. Sherbet.
"You shall not choose but drink before you go."

Coffee. Cigars.

Then came a page bearing the names of the Committee of Arrangements viz.: Em. Sir Albert H. White, Chairman; Sir William H. Lothrop, Sir David L. Hodges, Em. Sir Francis C. Hersey, Em. Sir William H. H. Soule, Em. Sir George W. Kingman, Em. Sir Jerome Smith, Em. Sir Charles J. Noyes, Em. Sir Theodore L. Kelly, Sir Samuel M. Bedlington, Sir Thomas F. Christian, Sir David O. Felt, Sir James Hill, Sir Alonzo G. Ham, Sir Charles F. Hammond, Sir John T. Osborn, Sir Wm. H. Puffer, Sir Charles H. Porter, Sir Walter S. Sampson, Sir Seneca Sanford, Sir William Tyner, Sir Fletcher K. Tirrell, Sir George S. Worcester, Sir William B. Wilber, Sir Samuel P. Willis, Em. Sir Charles E. Pierce, Treasurer; Sir William Morris, Secretary, followed by two pages devoted to the rosters of officers and Past Commanders of Portland and Saint Omer Commanderies. The leaves were held into the covers by a neatly tied ribbon. The design and execution was a credit to Sir Charles J. Buffum, with whom the management of the Parker House placed the order for the menus.

Welcome by Em. Commander White.

At 10 o'clock Commander White rapped to order and felicitously welcomed the visitors in the following words:

Eminent Commander and Sir Knights of Portland Commandery: In behalf of the Sir Knights of Saint Omer Commandery I extent to you a cordial welcome and knightly greeting. [Applause,] The Sir Knights of St. Omer have looked forward with much pleasure to this occasion. It serves to renew the many ties formed and cemented by frequent interchange of social courtesies, and will bind us more closely in the strong bond of friendship and brotherly love. [Applause.]

We sincerely trust that the day's programme, planned for your enjoyment, has met with a fair measure of success: if so, we are more than satisfied.

I gladly avail myself of the present opportunity to personally acknowledge my indebtedness to you, Eminent Sir Knight Farrington, and the Sir Knights of Portland Commandery, for the many courtesies extended and hospitalities received on numerous occasions. To the Eminent Sir Knights who have so kindly assisted by their presence we feel deeply grateful, and assure them that we appreciate the honor conferred. I congratulate the Sir Knights of Saint Omer on the success of their exertions, and feel assured that the memory of this day will be an ever-recurring pleasure.

Continuing, he commanded, "Sir Knights, attention!" (all arose), and requested them to join him in the following toast:

"A health to our visiting fraters from Portland and the Pine Tree State; may the swords we wield flash brighter; our fraternal ties bind closer; our memories be richer; our lives be nobler, and our banners be radiant with an increasing lustre for their coming."

Reply by Em. Commander Farrington.

After all were seated, Em. Commander Farrington arose and replied as follows:

Eminent Commander and Sir Knights of St. Omer Commandery: What can be more embarrassing than to rise to respond to a sentiment so beautiful—finding, as it does, my heart overflowing with gratitude, and a brain not ready to respond in fitting words to express that gratitude.

I shall rely upon others more eloquent than myself to express to you the sentiments of Portland Commandery with which the hearts of its Sir Knights are overflowing.

It gives me great pleasure, however, to return the grateful thanks of Portland Commandery to

the Sir Knights of St. Omer for the magnificent entertainment we have received at your hands to-day.

The thought has occurred to me many times during the day and evening, What has Portland Commandery ever done for St. Omer that we should receive this princely entertainment from you? Is it because we once, by accident, learned that you were coming through our beautiful city, and invited you to tarry with us for a few hours, taking you down our harbor and entertaining you at a dinner on one of our picturesque islands? No, we think not.

It is because of the acquaintances formed at that time, and renewed and extended from time to time since, by social interchange of courtesies between the Sir Knights of both Commanderies, so that to-day there is a bond of friendship pulsing in the heart of every member of these two Commanderies which can only be cut assunder by that dread messenger—death.

Again I thank you, Eminent Sir and Sir Knights of St. Omer, for this day of unequaled pleasure to the Sir Knights of Portland Commandery. [Cheers.]

Em. Sir Knight Noyes's Address.

Em. Commander White, in a graceful manner, now presented Eminent Sir Charles J. Noyes to preside for the remainder of the evening. On arising in response, Em. Sir Knight Noyes was greeted with tumultuous applause, lasting several minutes and ending in three cheers. He spoke as follows:

Eminent Commander, Sir Knights of Portland Commandery, Sir Knights of the Pine Tree State, Right Eminent Sir Knight Freeman of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, Equally Right Eminent Sir Knight Locke of the Grand Commandery of Maine, Sir Knights from Every Walk and Way, Whenceever You May Come:

I feel, Eminent Sir, that I owe to you a debt of gratitude, failing to express which I should do violence to my own feelings, for the opportunity I have to stand here, for the first time during the last Masonic season, to participate in the festivities of this table. And I embrace with great pleasure, with a willing spirit but a hesitating body, the opportunity to do the little I can in the closing hours of this brilliant and glorious historic day, that the visiting Sir Knights may go home with no occasion to regret that they have compassed more than 100 miles to place their banner side by side with ours. [Applause.] And I especially rejoice that it is my valued privilege in person to extend to the Eminent Commander and those accompanying him from Portland my gratitude for the often-repeated and many opportunities I have had in that grand old State, whose motto is to lead, with those courteous and valiant Sir Knights, to enjoy many a happy day, getting precious benefit in health and inspiration in mind and piety of soul. [Laughter.] And, therefore, Eminent Sir, I have been resting for the last three weeks, not getting ready for this banquet so much as getting ready for the pleasures of this day.

It seems to me that upon St. John's Day, it is most fitting that these two Commanderies should come together, and, marching shoulder to shoulder, should go to the Mecca of New England, where were planted the first saintly feet that bore the gallant banner, wreathed with religion, piety and liberty, not alone to bless the Western Continent, but to do service to mankind. [Applause.]

I could not to-day help thinking, as I stood and looked at that magnificent granite shaft that portrayed alike the spirit that prompted it and the beautiful art that fashioned it—I could not help thinking what a symbolic lesson indeed it was, not alone commemorating the history of

those gallant men who thought great thoughts and did great deeds and lived noble lives, but symbolic in expressing in that stone the beautiful lessons of our knightly ritual. For there we saw not only liberty proclaimed to all the world, but liberty protected by law; not only a history that was brilliant in every page, speaking for humanity and the ages that were to come that should blossom and bear golden fruitage in a continent that was bounded by two oceans and stretching across a field of 3000 miles, but it was history made holy by morality. [Applause.] Above it all, standing there silent yet eloquent, speaking to every pilgrim whose feet should bear him to that sacred spot, was that finger uplifted toward the blue heavens, speaking of a faith that believed in the times that were to come to men and the ages that were to be measured out by God. [Applause.] And so, as we circled round that granite shaft and made the circle complete, elbow touching elbow, and the current of fraternal fellowship and brotherly love welding us together, I felt that it was a good thing that we were there to-day as Masons, as Companions, as Knights, learning the lessons it taught, to carry them home in our hearts, burning there forever, giving incense, lighting each our little taper at that grand altar fire, that it might burn and blaze in our lives for all time to come. [Applause.]

And now, as we have come back from that quiet and historic place into the great tumult of a mighty city, where men often forget their duty to each other in the mad struggle for selfish ends, it is a beautiful thing to come into this grand hostelry, where so many have met from every part of the civilized world, and to sit at this table to enjoy those bounties of a beneficent providence and renew the fellowships that we have made. It is not, Eminent Sir of Portland Commandery, because upon a chance pilgrimage you were an obstacle in the way to tender us the delights of fraternal greeting and bear us down your harbor to fit us for the storm that met us on the coast [laughter] and sent so many of my command earlier to bed than I fear they would otherwise have gone [laughter]; it is not because many of us, in passing through Portland or lingering there, have learned to feel the warm touch of your fraternal clasp, to listen to your kindly words and to enjoy your bountiful hospitality—it is not because of these things that we welcome you. But it is because you come as knights of old, symbolic of a cause that has lasted centuries, outlasting throne and empire, doing service for mankind, and never to stop until time shall be no more. [Applause.]

And how significant and how proper it is that the two great cities of Portland and Boston, having each its knightly circle, should to-day unite in a common service. Portland, from her beautiful hills, looks out upon that mighty sea; so also does this metropolis of Massachusetts. Between each and the ocean flashes a beautiful harbor. Upon that coast incessant roll and retire the tides of a mighty sea that bears the commerce of the civilized world. And, standing upon its shore, we could well recall—forgetting for the moment our own private interests and ends, forgetting for the moment our daily walks and ways in our selfish pursuits and personal business—that legend of the olden time. We are told, as the story runs, that in the olden time men stood upon the shore of Castile, and looking out on that flashing sea and seeing no land in the distance, which to them seemed to mingle with the sky, they felt their little Empire contained it all. So they erected there two lofty pillars, and girded them across, and placed thereon the Latin motto, "*Ne plus ultra*"—there is nothing beyond. But at length there

arose an heroic soul who, looking with prophetic eye far into the distance saw the unseen, and launching his frail barque by the aid of the sovereign of his nation, navigated the unknown waters and brought to light this magnificent continent. And so from the motto they erased the "ne," and left "plus ultra"—there is much beyond. And so in that spirit we to-night, the officers of St. Omer and Portland Commanderies and their associate knights, linking fraternal hands around this table, remember that, above the ruts of our personal ways, above the walks of our daily business, there is spread out a wider view, taking in all mankind and all the grander and the nobler impulses of our cause, likewise we say: "There is much beyond." [Applause.] And remembering that, Sir Knights, I trespass no farther upon your attention, but, as a symbolic act, weaving together these two commands, if it be possible, closer than they are, as heart responds to heart, as hand links in hand as we journey down the way of life together, carrying out the noble principles of our sublime order and letting the world understand that we are for the benefit of humanity, that we are for the Christianization of the race, that we are for the civilization of the world, going side by side. Eminent Sir Knight Pierce, you will crown the beauseant of Portland Commandery.

Em. Sir Knight Pierce then crowned the beauseant of Portland Commandery behind the speaker with a large and handsome laurel wreath, an act which occasioned enthusiastic applause.

Other Eloquent Addresses.

In response to the introduction of the presiding officer eloquent addresses were also made by Rt. Eminent Sir Edward L. Freeman, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Rt. Eminent Sir Joseph A. Locke, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine; Very Eminent Sir James Swords, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Rt. Eminent Sir Seth C. Gordon, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Maine; Rev. and Eminent Sir John W. Dadmun, Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island; Em. Sir John E. Sawyer, Past Commander of Portland Commandery; Sir Stillman B. Allen of St. Omer Commandery; Sir and Judge Nathan Cleaves and Sir Edward C. Swett of Portland Commandery; Sir and Rev. William E. Gibbs, Prelate of Bethany Commandery; Em. Sir Theodore L. Kelly, P. C. of St. Omer Commandery, and Sir Wm. S. Danforth of Old Colony Commandery.

The remarks of each speaker received hearty expressions of commendation in the abundant applause of the Sir Knights.

"Good Night."

At the conclusion of the speeches Em. Sir Knight Noyes spoke the "Good Night" word as follows:

And now, Sir Knights, the hour has come when we must part. The warning finger on yonder dial, swiftly hastening to the hour of twelve, tells me that in a few moments another St. John's Day will have been laid to rest as a precious jewel in the casket of memory; and as to-morrow's sun illumines the East we shall be called to walk our various ways that diverge from one another. Let us, going from the holy influences of this occasion, remembering the saintly heroes whose monument we have this day witnessed, who thought out noble thoughts and lived noble lives, and not unmindful of those other and ancient heroes, who, as valiant

knights, rode forth to save the City of our God. Let us resolve, as far as in us lies, to imitate their valiant example, serve mankind and make the world the richer and the better for our having lived.

At this the Knights of the two Commanderies gave hearty and reciprocal cheers, that showed that their enthusiasm was very far from being spent, sang in unison "Auld Lang Syne," and separated for the night.

TUESDAY, JUNE 25.

Departure of Portland Commandery.

Portland Commandery No. 2, Knights Templars, who have been the guests of St. Omer Commandery of this city, left for home this afternoon. The Sir Knights, who have been quartered at the Parker House, spent the hours of the forenoon and the early afternoon in riding or walking about the city, sight-seeing, or in resting from Monday's celebration, each doing what he saw fit, unhampered by any formalities.

Prior to their departure, Em. Sir Knight Farrington decorated mine host Companion Punchard with one of the handsome badges of Portland Commandery, Em. Sir Knight White of St. Omer conferring a similar compliment, in token of their appreciation of his successful endeavors in behalf of his guests.

At 3.45 P. M. the lines were formed in the large dining-hall at the Parker House, and as the Sir Knights passed out of the hall they gave three rousing cheers for the Parker House management. Preceded by a squad of police and Chandler's famous First Regiment Band of Portland, which accompanied them on the trip, the Sir Knights then marched to the Boston and Maine depot in Haymarket square, via Tremont, Tremont row, Hanover and Washington streets. Quite a large detachment of the Sir Knights of St. Omer Commandery, under Eminent Commander Albert H. White, escorted the Portland fraters to the station.

On arrival at the station the Portland Commandery boarded the special train on which they came from Portland Monday. At 4.29 sharp the "special" pulled out of the station amid the waving of handkerchiefs, the shouting of "adieus" and hearty cheers. The home run of 115 miles was made in two hours and fifty minutes.

The visitors expressed themselves as thoroughly delighted with the reception and treatment accorded them on all hands since their arrival, and spoke in the warmest terms of the way in which their comfort had been looked after by the hotel people.

PILGRIM HALL.

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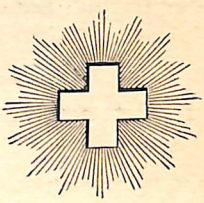
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